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Dear Sirs

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I enclose two copies of my search report relating to claims 48-59 and a copy of the citations.

This search is in response to the further Patents Form 9/77 filed on 5 October 2001.

Note that due to the broad scope of claim 48, the documents cited are examples only of documents falling within the scope of claim 48.

Yours faithfully

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
X,E	EP 1074923 A2 (CANON) See e.g. the abstract, pages 11-14, and the figures	48,49, 51-59
X	EP 0717346 A2 (CANON) See e.g. the abstract, pages 11-14, and the figures	48-59
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X	US 6119133 (NUSBICKEL) See whole document, e.g. figure 6	48-59
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